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SUBJECT: CENTO REQUEST FOR MEMBER COUNTRIES ADVANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR BEGINNING 1 OCTOBER 1975.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER SENT TO ALL MEMBERS OF CENTO COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES BY CENTO SECRETARY GENERAL UMIT HALUK BAYULKEN, REQUESTING MEMBER COUNTRIES TO MAKE ADVANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR WHICH BEGAN 1 OCTOBER 1975.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE SECRETARIAT'S BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1975-76 WERE SUBMITTED TO THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ON JUNE 16, 1975, UNDER COVER OF DOCUMENT BAC/75/D6. THE CMPS BUDGET ESTIMATE IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION OF THE PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTIES GROUP AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOON AS IT IS APPROVED BY THE MILITARY DEUPTIES GROUP.

ALTHOUGH THE CENTO REGULATIONS RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARIAT AND CMPS BUDGETS BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FINANCIAL YEAR, WHICH STARTED ON OCTOBER 1, 1975, THE

BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AND THE MILITARY DEPUTIES GROUP HAVE STILL NOT APPROVED THE BUDGET ESTIMATES.

AT THE PRESENT TIME THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCE OFFICE HOLDS FUNDS SUFFICIENT ONLY TO MEET NON-DEFERRABLE COMMITMENTS THROUGH OCTOBER, 1975. AFTER OCTOBER, UNLESS ADITIONAL FUNDS ARE FORTHCOMING FROM THE CONTRIBUTING MEMBER COUNTRIES, THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE WITHOUT FUNDS.

BECAUSE OF OUR SERIOUS FINANCIAL POSITION, I HAVE
NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO REQUEST ADVANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
THE MEMBER COUNTRIES AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 10 (B)
OF THE CENTO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS. THIS WOULD BE IN
CONFORMITY WITH PAST PRACTICE WHENEVER THE BUDGET WAS NOT
APPROVED IN TIME. THE FUNDS NATURALLY WOULD BE DISBURSED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CENTO REGULATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, I SHALL
BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD REQUEST FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT ADVANCE
CONTRIBUTIONS TO COVER THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE FINANCIAL
YEAR AS INDICATED BELOW:

- 1. SECRETARIAT BUDGET L 20,000
- 2. CMPS BUDGET L 6.000

IN VIEW OF THE URGENT NEED FOR FUNDS, YOUR EFFORTS
IN ARRANGING PAYMENT OF THE ADVANCE CONTRIBUTIONS MENTIONED
ABOVE TO CENTO MAIN CALL DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.
8601795 WITH THE GRINDLAYS BANK LIMITED, 23 FENCHURCH
STREET, LONDON E.C. 3, BY NOVEMBER 1, 1975, AT THE LATEST,
WILL BE APPRECIATED. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AND PERMANENT MILITARY DEPUTIES GROUP WILL NOT RPT NOT APPROVE THE BUDGET SUBMITTED UNDER BAC/75/D6 FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. ACCORDINGLY, WE RECOMMEND USG COMPLIANCE WITH SECGEN'S REQUEST.

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